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TO: Jason El-Zein, On Scene Coordinator, EPA

FROM: Denise Jordan-Izaguirre, Regional Rep. - ATSDR

SUBJECT: Albion Sheridan Township Landfill

In October, 1989, ATSDR, Michigan Department of Public Health and Calhoun County Health Department performed a site visit at the above mentioned site. The site was totally unsecured except for a locked gate at the access road on the south eastern border. The access road on the northern boundary was not restricted at all. It was noted that numerous drums and barrels with unknown waste littered the site. There were signs of household dumping in a large pit in the northwest quadrant of the site. There were also four-wheel drive and bike tracks as well as lots of spent shells overall. The County Health Department person says this is a favorite hunting and target practice site for the community. The site was not posted warning the citizenry that it is a hazardous waste area.

Based on the public health threat posed by site conditions, ATSDR recommended that EPA do further investigation into the contents of the barrels, restrict access and post the site.

The Action Memo you have prepared does not propose any further site restrictions. Based on the three criteria for immediate removal listed on page 2 of said Action Memo, ATSDR believes access and posting are essential to ensure public health. Because it is a known hunting site and the northern access road abuts the parking lot of a hunting club, ATSDR feels that the community must be informed and restricted from future use/access.

ATSDR hopes the proposed emergency action can be amended to include the above discussed restrictions.

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